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SUBJECT: US-TUNISIAN JOINT COMMISSION

REF: TUNIS 5733, 5796

1. TUNIS 5796 RECEIVED, AND NOW BEING EXAMINED BY INTEREST-
ED AGENCIES. DEPT. WILL RESPOND WITH FINAL COMMENTS
SOONEST. INITIAL IMPRESSION IS THAT SUGGESTED AGENDA
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OF AGENDA AS LONG AS US REPRESENTATION IS ALLOWED TIME TO

COVER MAIN ISSUES NOTED IN PREVIOUSLY SUGGESTED DRAFT. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO USE COMMISSION FORUM TO EXPLAIN TO GOT REALISTIC DIMENSION OF WHAT USG CAN DO, THROUGH VARIOUS AGENCY PROGRAMS, AND TO UNDERSCORE TO GOT WHAT IS REQUIRED FROM TUNISIAN SIDE IN ORDER TO MAKE THESE EFFORTS MOST PROFITABLE.

2. WASHINGTON PREFERS TO DO AS MUCH WORK AS POSSIBLE IN SUBCOMMISSION MEETINGS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, BUT AGREEABLE TO CONTINUE WORK AS NECESSARY INTO SATURDAY MORNING. AFTERNOON SHOULD BE RESERVED FOR DRAFTING SESSIONS AND PRIVATE MEETINGS, AS SUGGESTED REFTEL. PARTICIPANTS AGREE TO EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS RE NON-USE TERM "PETRODOLLAR" AND WILL SO NOTE IN PRESENTATION AND PAPERS TO BE EXCHANGED. ALSO AGREEABLE TO CALLING SECOND SUBCOMMISSION "SUBCOMMISSION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT."

3. COMPLETE ACCORD ON CULTURAL RELATIONS ISSUE, BUT DO WISH TO HAVE CU REPRESENTATIVE SPEAK TO THIS SUBJECT IN PLENARY SESSION OCTOBER 20 FOLLOWING REVIEW OF REPORTS OF TWO SUBCOMMISSIONS.

4. UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON HOPES TO BE ABLE ARRIVE TUNIS AIR FRANCE FLIGHT NO. 2701 FROM PARIS AT 11:30 LOCAL TIME SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18. IF UNABLE LEAVE PARIS THIS EARLY, ALTERNATIVE IS TUNIS AIR FLIGHT NO 723, ARRIVING TUNIS 1815 LOCAL TIME. MR. ROBINSON UNABLE TO REMAIN EVENING OCTOBER 20 BECAUSE PRIOR COMMITMENT AND MUST RETURN PARIS ON AIR FRANCE FLIGHT NO. 2702, DEPARTING 1730 LOCAL TIME. MR. ROBINSON LEAVES TO EMBASSY'S DISCRETION SCHEDULING OF SOCIAL EVENTS, INCLUDING AMBASSADOR'S BUFFET AND GOT DINNER ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY EVENINGS, AS MOST CONVENIENT. AT SOME POINT HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH US AND TUNISIAN PRIVATE SECTOR LEADERS, PERHAPS MONDAY AT LUNCHEON. WOULD ALSO WISH TO MEET BRIEFLY WITH PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA, WHEN MOST CONVENIENT. INFORMAL FIELD TRIP SUNDAY WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED. WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT HAVE REST OF US DELEGATION ARRIVE TUNIS IN TIME FOR IN-HOUSE MEETINGS EARLY EVENING OF OCTOBER 16. FULL PARTICIPANT LIST AND ETAS WILL BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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5. INTERPRETERS WILL BRING TRANSLATION EQUIPMENT SUFFICIENT FOR THREE SEPARATE MEETING PLACES. WILL PLAN FOR HEADSETS AS SUGGESTED REFTEL. EQUIPMENT IS BATTERY OPERATED AND THUS NO SPECIAL EQUIPMENT NEEDED. MESSRS. TOUMAYAN AND DE SEABRA WORK BOTH IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH, AND NO OTHER INTERPRETER ASSISTANCE REQUIRED. WILL ALSO

ASSIST IN DRAFTING WORK.

6. HAVE RECEIVED EMBASSY'S TELEGRAM LISTING GOT PARTICIPANTS, AND WILL RESPOND WITH US DELEGATION LIST AS SOON AS CAN BE CONFIRMED.

7. DEPARTMENT WILL WELCOME EMBASSY'S DRAFT OPENING STATEMENT. WE STILL LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING THIS GIVEN BY MR. ATHERTON OR OTHER NEA REPRESENTATIVE IF ABLE TO ATTEND, OTHERWISE WOULD ASK AMBASSADOR MAKE THIS STATEMENT. NEA REPRESENTATIVE WOULD NOT PLAN TO PARTICIPATE FORMALLY IN SUBCOMMISSION MEETINGS, BUT WOULD VISIT EACH AND ALSO CALL ON APPROPRIATE GOT OFFICIALS FOLLOWING PLENARY. INFORMAL SHORT BRIEFING PAPERS TO BE SUPPLIED IN TUNIS WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR EACH CALL.

8. US DELEGATION WILL WELCOME ADDITIONAL PAPERS FROM GOT PRIOR TO MEETING. PAPERS FOR PRESENTATION TO GOT WILL BE POUCHED AS SOON AS FRENCH TRANSLATIONS ARE AVAILABLE. AS BACK UP, DR. HUYCK, ARRIVING TUNIS OCTOBER 6, WILL CARRY ADDITIONAL SET ADDRESSED TO LOGAN. HUYCK WILL ALSO HAVE ADVANCE COPY OF UNCLASSIFIED PORTIONS OF BRIEFING BOOK FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION. OTHER COPIES WILL BE POUCHED IN TIME FOR ARRIVAL TUNIS BEFORE MEETINGS. INGERSOLL

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